

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1621

Examiner: Samuel A. Barts

TITLE

IMAGING ELEMENT
CONTAINING A BLOCKED
PHOTOGRAPHICALLY
USEFUL COMPOUND

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

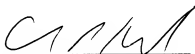
In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed January 4, 2007, Applicants hereby elect (with traverse) the species represented by Compound D-12 on page 23 of the present specification.

Claims 33, 34 and 35 read on Compound D-12. Note that claims 33 to 35 read on Compound D-12 when W is a divalent electron withdrawing group that is SO_2R_{13} wherein R_{13} is a substituted alkyl. (The other claims 36 to 38 do not read on this Compound D-12).

Applicants hereby make this election with traverse because the structure of Structure I is generic to a group of claimed compounds that differ

only with respect to a single group in the molecule, namely W(w). Searching the generic claim would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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